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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk and Administrator  
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
Synergy Business Park  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: GCRM-143, Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont"), I have enclosed various schedules constituting Piedmont's GCRM-143.

The rate changes reflected in this filing, as shown on the attached schedules, are necessary to update Piedmont's rates to reflect changes in Piedmont's wholesale costs of gas. Wholesale futures contract prices for natural gas deliveries, as reflected on the New York Mercantile Exchange, are currently at levels above the \$2.50 per dekatherm commodity cost of gas reflected in Piedmont's rates.

Based on the differential between Piedmont's existing benchmark cost of gas and the futures wholesale price, as well as the current balance in its deferred gas cost account, Piedmont is at risk of under-collecting its wholesale gas costs in the near future if the benchmark cost of gas reflected in its rates is not increased to \$3.00 per dekatherm as proposed herein. The relief requested herein will avoid such under-collection and will also ensure that the wholesale gas costs reflected in Piedmont's rates are reasonably consistent with the prevailing market price for natural gas, thereby avoiding the creation of artificial market signals/incentives to parties who utilize this commodity for fuel or process purposes. The rate changes proposed herein are an increase of \$0.05088/therm for sales rate schedules (201, 202, 221, 232, 242, 252, 262, 203 and 204) and an increase of \$0.00088/therm for transportation rate schedules (213 and 214).

Piedmont hereby requests approval of this GCRM filing in time to implement these rate changes effective with the first billing cycle in April, 2017.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

s/ Scott M. Tyler  
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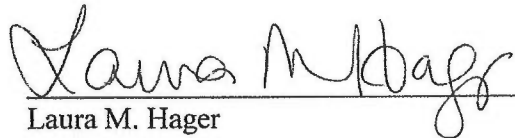
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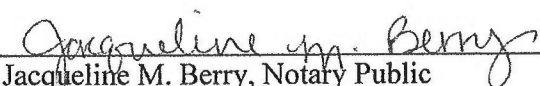
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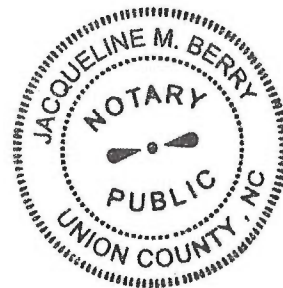
Laura Hager, being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is Regulatory Analyst - Regulatory Affairs of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., that as such, she has read the foregoing documents and knows the contents thereof; that the same are true of her own knowledge except as to those matters stated on information and belief and as to those she believes them to be true.

  
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Laura M. Hager

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina  
Signed and sworn to before me this day by Laura Hager

Date: 3/17/17 \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Jacqueline M. Berry, Notary Public

(Official Seal)      My commission expires: 11/29/21



# **Schedule A**

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Purchase Gas Adjustment for April 2017 Cycle Billing  
Docket No. 2006-401-G  
GCRM-143

South Carolina		GCRM-143		
Rate Schedules:		January 2017	Benchmark	April 2017
		Current	Rate	Proposed
		Rates	Change	Rates
<b>201</b>	<b>Residential Service - Value</b>			
	Facilities Charge-winter	10.00		10.00
	Facilities Charge-summer	8.00		8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.84492	0.05088	0.89580
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.79345	0.05088	0.84433
<b>221</b>	<b>Residential Service - Standard</b>	-		
	Facilities Charge-winter	10.00		10.00
	Facilities Charge-summer	8.00		8.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.84492	0.05088	0.89580
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.79345	0.05088	0.84433
<b>202</b>	<b>Small General Service-Standard</b>			
	Facilities Charge	22.00		22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.75446	0.05088	0.80534
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.74181	0.05088	0.79269
<b>232</b>	<b>Small General Service-Value</b>			
	Facilities Charge	22.00		22.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 2,000	0.75446	0.05088	0.80534
	Over 2,000	0.75446	0.05088	0.80534
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 2,000	0.74181	0.05088	0.79269
	Over 2,000	0.74181	0.05088	0.79269
<b>252</b>	<b>Medium General Service-Standard</b>			
	Facilities Charge	75.00		75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.67406	0.05088	0.72494
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.66141	0.05088	0.71229
<b>262</b>	<b>Medium General Service-Value</b>			
	Facilities Charge	75.00		75.00
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 5,000	0.67406	0.05088	0.72494
	Over 5,000	0.67406	0.05088	0.72494
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 5,000	0.66141	0.05088	0.71229
	Over 5,000	0.66141	0.05088	0.71229
<b>242</b>	<b>Small General Service-Motor Fuel</b>			
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)	0.70431	0.05088	0.75519
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)	0.76187	0.05088	0.81275
<b>243</b>	<b>Experimental Motor Vehicle Fuel Service</b>			
	Facilities Charge			
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
<b>203</b>	<b>Large General Sales Service</b>			
	Facilities Charge	250.00		250.00
	Billing Demand	1.03565		1.03565
	Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
	First 15,000	0.52402	0.05088	0.57490
	Next 15,000	0.45254	0.05088	0.50342
	Next 75,000	0.41973	0.05088	0.47061
	Next 165,000	0.32937	0.05088	0.38025
	Next 330,000	0.28300	0.05088	0.33388
	Over 600,000	0.25443	0.05088	0.30531
	Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
	First 15,000	0.43011	0.05088	0.48099
	Next 15,000	0.38107	0.05088	0.43195
	Next 75,000	0.38589	0.05088	0.43677
	Next 165,000	0.31975	0.05088	0.37063
	Next 330,000	0.27800	0.05088	0.32888
	Over 600,000	0.25443	0.05088	0.30531

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<b>204 Interruptible Sales Service</b>			
Facilities Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
First 15,000	0.58982	0.05088	0.64070
Next 15,000	0.51569	0.05088	0.56657
Next 75,000	0.46817	0.05088	0.51905
Next 165,000	0.48837	0.05088	0.53925
Next 330,000	0.31888	0.05088	0.36976
Over 600,000	0.29443	0.05088	0.34531
Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
First 15,000	0.43993	0.05088	0.49081
Next 15,000	0.39507	0.05088	0.44595
Next 75,000	0.36983	0.05088	0.42071
Next 165,000	0.35390	0.05088	0.40478
Next 330,000	0.31433	0.05088	0.36521
Over 600,000	0.26443	0.05088	0.31531
<b>205 Outdoor Gas Light Service</b>			
Per Fixture/Mo.	15.00	-	15.00
<b>213 Large General Transportation Service</b>			
Facilities Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Standby Demand	0.46759	-	0.46759
Billing Demand	0.56806	-	0.56806
Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
First 15,000	0.24421	0.00088	0.24509
Next 15,000	0.17787	0.00088	0.17875
Next 75,000	0.13158	0.00088	0.13246
Next 165,000	0.02412	0.00088	0.02500
Next 330,000	0.03349	0.00088	0.03437
Over 600,000	0.00443	0.00088	0.00531
Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
First 15,000	0.17292	0.00088	0.17380
Next 15,000	0.12428	0.00088	0.12516
Next 75,000	0.09727	0.00088	0.09815
Next 165,000	0.07202	0.00088	0.07290
Next 330,000	0.02680	0.00088	0.02768
Over 600,000	0.00443	0.00088	0.00531
<b>214 Interruptible Transportation Service</b>			
Facilities Charge	250.00	-	250.00
Winter (Nov.-Mar.)			
First 15,000	0.24360	0.00088	0.24448
Next 15,000	0.17688	0.00088	0.17776
Next 75,000	0.12880	0.00088	0.12968
Next 165,000	0.08088	0.00088	0.08176
Next 330,000	0.03391	0.00088	0.03479
Over 600,000	0.00443	0.00088	0.00531
Summer (Apr.-Oct.)			
First 15,000	0.17262	0.00088	0.17350
Next 15,000	0.12376	0.00088	0.12464
Next 75,000	0.09371	0.00088	0.09459
Next 165,000	0.07165	0.00088	0.07253
Next 330,000	0.05580	0.00088	0.05668
Over 600,000	0.00443	0.00088	0.00531

# **Schedule B**

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
South Carolina  
Commodity Cost of Gas Calculation  
Docket No. 2006-401-G  
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	Annualized Throughput (DT) per Docket 2016-7-G Settlement Approved on <u>10/13/2016, Order No. 2016-705</u>	Proposed Commodity <u>Rate per (DT)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sales	14,311,446	\$ 3.00	\$ 42,934,339
Transportation	5,669,858		
Total Throughput	19,981,304		
LAUF %	1.77%		
Company Use & Lost And Unacct For	353,669	\$ 3.00	\$ 1,061,007
Total Throughput			19,981,304
Calculated Rate - LAUF			0.0531
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate per DT			\$ 3.05310
Proposed Sales Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.30531
Current Sales Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.25443
Adjustment to Sales Commodity Rate			\$ 0.05088
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate per DT			\$ 0.05310
Proposed Transportation Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.00531
Current Transportation Commodity Rate per Therm			\$ 0.00443
Adjustment to Transportation Commodity Rate			\$ 0.00088
Current Benchmark			\$ 2.50
Proposed Benchmark			\$ 3.00



## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the attached document is being served this date via email and UPS Overnight upon:

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And that a copy of the attached document is being served this date via email or U.S. Mail upon:

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This the 17th day of March, 2017.

/s/ Richard K. Goley  
Richard K. Goley